

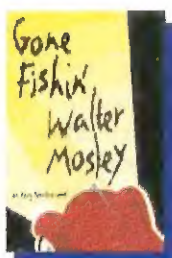


DIRECTOR'S CORNER

I recently enjoyed a discussion about the role and function of the LLRC in community colleges. The person I was talking with seemed to recognize how important it was for us to ask ourselves that question. And so I decided to ask all of you. What are we doing right? What are we doing wrong? What is our role? Where do we fit? Think about this in regard to services and how we provide them. Let me know.

On a personal note, this month has been a busy one for Vivian and me. We spent most of it shuttling our son Alex from hockey practice to hockey games or to his friend's houses to play, attend birthday parties or some combination thereof.

Additionally, I'm spending a certain amount of time showing my wife how to use word processing programs on our pc. I consult with Marie on the trickier stuff first, of course.



I'm currently reading Walter Mosley's *Gone Fishin'*, he is my favorite author. This is his latest installment of his detective Easy Rawlins. Actually he wrote this before the series was published. Check it out if you like mysteries with great characters. I recently

finished James Crumley's *Border Snakes*, also excellent. Stay away from Patricia Cornwell's latest. She was experimenting and it didn't really work out.

Otherwise this has been a typical month of too much to do with too little time to do it. But I'm not complaining. Recently, I have realized that I'm almost never bored. Exhausted perhaps, but never bored.

I hope you all have a restful, enjoyable spring break.

"There are two educations. One should teach us how to make a living and the other how to live." - John Truslow Adams

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SPOTLIGHT HEROINE OF THE LIBRARY

I happen to live in the building next to the one that exploded January 13, 1997, in Greenacres. I was at home when it happened, along with my boyfriend, and my sister visiting from Minneapolis. There was a loud explosion and the whole place shook, the sliders vibrated like crazy. I looked out the window and there was stuff everywhere from inside the townhouse, in the trees. I called 911. It was pouring down rain, and we went over there, the walls and windows were gone, there was fire upstairs and downstairs, and we heard a man screaming. It was horrible. The rescue workers got there fast, and were working on things. Before they were there some people were trying to get to the guy and find out if anybody else was there. At one point I attempted to go in, but the fumes were so strong. My boyfriend and I then went to go make sure the other people in the units knew and weren't inside. My boyfriend jumped one fence, the gate was locked, but nobody was home, he got another lady out of her unit, who didn't even know it was her building. I got the other lady out, and her place was trashed, sliders broken, glass everywhere, kitchen, and one upstairs bedroom destroyed. It took awhile to get her out, she was really upset. I was afraid of another explosion or more fire. Well they finally got the guy out, he was alone. He received 60% burns and died within two weeks, it was an attempted suicide. He let out propane and the water heater sparked. He had several tanks, only one emptied. Well for two weeks it was a circus on 5th Lane, in Chalet IV. The media's remote satellite trucks were camped out, doing live feeds. We had around the clock police securing the crime scene. There were police, ATF (Alcohol Tobacco & Firearms) agents, State Fire Marshal, and onlookers, for a week. It was crazy. My sister and many neighbors were on the news, my boyfriend was in the Post, and my 911 call was on the news. Now the entire area is fenced in and 3 units have been gutted. These people are without a home, one family just moved in and didn't have any insurance, the other 2 are with family nearby. Many people felt the explosion and some other units had slider damage, my slider frames were damaged. It was an experience I hope I never have again....

Judy LaRose

ELL

There is a bright light coming from the two beaming and proud fathers in the Ell. It appears Doug's son (Sam) and Eric's daughter Carlie (first grade) made the honor roll in their schools... Doug's car has a bumper sticker with "My child is on the Honor Roll at Loxahatchee Groves Elementary".

Incidentally... Doug's daughter (Sara) made the gifted program in her school.. She is having a difficult time deciding whether or not to attend the program... Any thoughts or experiences on the matter????...

Eric writes.....

Here's the up to the minute list:

Honor Roll Certificate: signed by school principal (wow)
Honor of Excellence Certificate: with coupon for meal at T.G.I. Friday's
Red Ribbon for Good Behavior, Red Ribbon for Honor Roll, Art Award Certificate: Award for perfect marks each week of the quarter. A coupon for free sundae at McDonald's.

There was a breakfast at the school in honor of all the honor roll students. Nancy, myself, my Ma & Pa were there to watch Carlie get her certificate. We got a "proud parents" sticker.

Congratulations !!!!!!!!!!!

FACT

If a statute in the park with a person on the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes

Circulation says.....

Since we are job hopping (cross training) we are not up on any gossip.. We are staying busy.. Learning and loving every minute of it. .. Believe it or not??????

Nita is a first time home buyer, with a cozy home in Lake Worth. She also has a new swinging hair cut which makes her look younger everyday.. What's your secret Nita?

Anita is taking Doug's course and she willing to train anyone who needs help..... Take a number....

Newsletter Notes by Estaline:

Student Workers - Two girls have joined our staff of work students. Tiffany stopped at the Circulation Desk after a class tour and asked if there were any openings. She had worked in a high school library previously and wanted to work in a library again. She started to work on Thursday and will be working 12 hours a week for several weeks until her job as an assistant manager to a store is terminated. Manouchka is working 15 hours a week. She is on the PBCC basketball team. Remember to ask her how she got her name. (Manouchka)

The library no longer has to clip PBCC articles from the newspapers.

The merging of the Circulation Department and Tech Services has begun. Tech Services joined with the Circulation Department for the Circ monthly meeting. Estaline and Lisa continue to meet to discuss plans for the transition.

You can now renew books via the phone. So, you can renew books three different ways--at the desk, by e-mail and by phone. Read the Infotip for more information about the new service.

Media Services will soon be using LINCC to circulate Audio tapes. Lisa setup a terminal at the Media Service lab desk so they will be able to charge tapes to the student and this means Estaline and Lisa will be meeting with the media staff to give them some training soon. (Sharon already has a head start because of the cross training program. She has been working one morning a week in Circulation.) Students will be able to get a library card and renew books in the Media Service Lab, as well as on the third floor in Circulation.

Thanks to Tech Services for hosting the monthly Staff Birthday meetings. Word Processing is in charge of the refreshments for the next six months.

FACT

If a statue in the park with a person on a horse has one front leg in the air, the person died as a result of wounds received in battle.

Word Processing News

Connie Smith (the new member of the department) writes... I've been at PBCC approximately three years. I started part-time in Continuing Studies, followed by full-time at the Registrar's office for the Counseling Department, to the Word Processing Center at present. I have made a lot of friends through my transition of the departments. I am also a student here. Through all of this I have been blessed with wonderful supervisors.... Believe it or Not?????

Another ray of light is coming from this department. Susan's daughter Erica who plays a clarinet tried out for and made ALL District Band on January 25, 1997. She made a **Superior** in her solo and a **Superior** in her wood wind choir at the District Solo and Ensemble. Susan's son Collin plays a Baritone Sax and made a **Superior** in his woodwind choir at District Solo and Ensemble.

KUDOS TO BOTH KIDS... GREAT PERFORMANCE.... WILL THEY PERFORM FOR US AT THE NEXT STAFF MEETING

Shirley's grandson Justin (10 years old) learned a valuable lesson in the workings of the criminal justice system. His bike was stolen (on his birthday) and his "Auntie" and other neighbors ran after the young man (15 years old) and captured him and recovered the bike.

The perpetrator was taken to the police station and charged with the crime. His sentence in court was to pay compensation, do community work, stay in school and have a curfew at night. Justin according to Shirley was very impressed.....I wonder which of the sentences was the worst... staying in school or the curfew???

If you _____ it, you _____ it!! (clue..Friday mornings)

Going to the Dogs

Update on the Greyhounds

So many people were interested in my article "Adopting a Greyhound", I thought I would elaborate on it this month. When you adopt a greyhound there are many social activities you may participate in. The GPA (Greyhound Pets of America) has a Spring Dinner and a Fall Picnic and in between they have representation at parades, gala's, any occasion to show their dogs. They are used as Pet Therapy at local nursing homes and hospitals. All this is done with volunteers.

The GPA provides a Greyhound Sitting Service, so you have a safe place to leave your pet while

you are on vacation, there is no charge as I understand it, but you do have to reciprocate in the plan.

This year the greyhound was selected as the mascot for the Palm Beach Beachdogs. Two greyhounds are at the auditorium every game to greet the spectators.

A couple of weeks ago, the Dancing Greyhounds made an appearance at the Kennel Club. This was a four dog show, two retired and two fired from racing. The show was wonderful, but the weather was cold, and it was held outside. They announced at this show that they now have GPA chapters in 43 states and last year 16,000 dogs were adopted.

The day before, the trainers met us in Boca Raton with training tips. There were approximately 60 dogs at this session and it was unbelievable, No Barking, No Fighting, just Peace and Quiet, and the people whom we met through this association were the greatest. That's all for now...I'll keep you informed.
Jane

New Members of the Family

Joyce's daughter Karen' and her family adopted a GREAT DANE from the shelter. The dog would have been put to sleep if no one adopted her. She is 8 months old and a beautiful fawn color. The children named her Jasmine, voting of 7 in favor and 2 against. Jasmine can look you right in the eye when she stands on her hind legs. (That's Joyce's eyes)... Pretty big dog..I'm glad she lives with Karen.

Marie has a new addition to the family (NO.... Billy isn't married) Guess what it is? See Media!!!

Who else in this library owns a DOG???????

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Do you really know your co-workers?

Who in the Department formerly known as Tech Services...

1. Went para-sailing on vacation?
2. Celebrated St. Patrick's Day in November?
3. Is A.K.A. Sleepy?
4. Lost her wallet in the snow?
5. Gets a new job title almost every year?
6. Knows an old lady who swallowed a spider?
7. Would love to tell you about "melaleuca"?
8. Is also know as Blondie????

- A. Diana Foote
- B. Lisa Hogan
- C. Corrie Howard
- D. Kathy O'Neil

(Answers on back page)

MEDIA CENTER

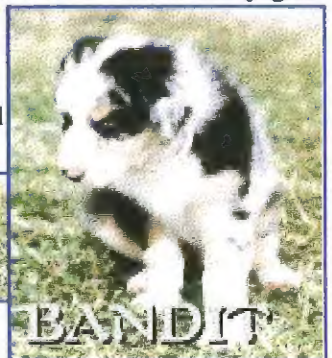


Hi, my name is Sharon Bethea.. I currently 'live' in the Media Service Lab. But occasionally I get a small vacation to the third floor on Wednesday mornings.. I grew up in the Glades in a "fish-ing" family. I've lived in Florida all my life and have never seen snow!.. I really love working at PBCC and have met a lot of nice people! Stop by the lab sometime and say **HELLO**. Note: Sharon ran a Day Care center (infants to 4 year olds) for sixteen years .. So she fits right in.

Hi, my name is Jennifer (Jen) Amos and I work on the 1st floor with Sharon. I've lived in Lake Worth for almost 4 years and before that lived in Indiana and Ohio. In my spare time I make porcelain dolls and other crafts with my mother. Most of all, I would like to take this time to thank everyone for making me feel so welcome at the library. Bye for now.

Judy says...other than her traumatic experience with the explosion she has completed all four SEFLIN videos and is currently working on the Nursing Student Orientation Video. We have been very busy with LINCC and cleaning up our catalog files. Sharon and Jen have been doing a great job in the Lab. We're really glad to have them!!!!!!

BANDIT, an Australian Shepherd



INTERLIBRARYLOAN

The Interlibrary Loan Department recently received and sent a book to Emeroteca Queriniana in Brescia, Italy. That adds another country to those already on the growing list of International requests. The others are: Australia, Canada, Denmark, Great Britain, Puerto Rico, Russia, Spain

The department has also received requests from almost every state in the United States including Alaska and Hawaii. But most important of all, a library in Spain sent an Olympic sticker from the Barcelona Olympic Games and when I (Penny) sent a compliment on the staging of the 1996 Olympic Games to the CDC in Atlanta, I received a nice reply in return.

TELE-GRAMS

Joyce - I love when all of the girls get together and put on a play. They dress up, make up their own songs and skits and entertain us.

Carole - I love when Kia dances to the music from the CDS. I love the way she twists her little hand to the beat. And I love when she grabs my finger and pulls me to the cabinet so that we can check out the snacks.

Judy - I love to see their minds work, especially when they're contemplating mischief. After all, I'm a grandparent and I don't have to deal with the results. I also love to be on the receiving end of all that love.

Anita - I love when Jessica runs to me with her little arms open and says, "Grammy!" (Carole's still jealous)

Shirley - I love when Justin tries to take care of me. He cautions me when I ride my bike and he worries about me when I go out after dark. I love his dimple when he smiles.

Jane - I see my grandchildren, with exception of Michael, once a year when were on vacation, or twice if their parents happen to come to Florida for vacation. When were together I love playing games and just hanging out with them. We do special things like taking in a movie, playing miniature golf or just going to the playground and getting ice cream on the way home. I treasure my time with them and enjoy all the hugs and kisses they give me.

Connie - I love when Tristan greets me at the door when I come home from work, arms up, waiting for hugs. That makes my day!

New Addition:

Phil Estes - Someone asked, "What do you love about your granddaughter?" That's easy what's not to love? It was only a year ago that I came to understand the bumper sticker "If I had known grandchildren were so much fun, I would have had them first." What is it that makes them so much fun? I suppose part of it is that grandparents are sort of parents once removed--enjoying many of the benefits and few of the responsibilities of parenthood. But I think what is best is watching Hallie Susannah grow and develop, and sharing in her discovery of

the wonder of life. The things that have become so routine and mundane because I am accustomed to them are fresh and exciting to her. I had long since lost interest in crawling on my hands and knees across the floor, hiding behind the recliner, and making funny faces before she came. But it's different now. And now I look forward to the time when she says, "Grandpa, let's go for a walk," or we read a book together, or ride bicycles through the park, or....

REFERENCE

Wendell (Bob) R. Hatcher

Bio.....I have an undergraduate degree from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, Comprehensive Social Studies; second undergraduate degree from Florida State University, Library Science, Library Media and Masters Degree from Florida State University, Public Library Administration. I have worked in the library field for 20 years including public school, public library, and academic libraries. I have been honored with the Teach for Excellence Award from Pinellas County Public Schools, and the Outstanding Media Service Award from the Educational Media Association in Palm Beach County. Past President of several professional school media associations, past member of the FAME Board of Directors, and a member of the International Library Science Honor Society.

Schmoozed??? (LETS MAKE THIS A FEATURE COLUMN)

Rosemarie has skillfully "schmoozed" me into adding to the snowball of gossip a bit or two about myself and few mentionable adventures. I have been a member of this engine of information for over a year now and try my hardest to keep to myself. I am afraid to confess that I am not a member of the fanclub for bureaucracy, corporate America, nor politics. I find it natural for intellectual minds to be curious. On this note....., our story begins.

I have a few associates that I gather with periodically that attempt to entertain audiences with musical numbers. Some songs familiar, most songs are our own right-minded materializations of ideas in the vein of orchestration. We have a regular, run of the mill, performance located downtown on the street of Clematis on the streetwide "Ladies Night". We have staked out the local Irish Pub (O'Shea's) and claimed Wednesday nights to be ours.

Yippee. Even this has lost it's new sparkling luster.

I, personally, have stopped believing anything anymore. My expectations have suffered an involuntary hysterectomy. By the way people start talking after having a few beverages in the pub in which I refer, you would think all of the problems of the universe could be solved in just one night. In other words, people talk a great deal of promises they can't keep, or just aren't sure enough to promise at all. I can count the number of international acts we have "almost" opened for on more than one hand. It's a bit like the ride, "It's a Small World" at Disney World. As for all the offers and 'business' that has been discussed, very little has run a full course of action. Granted we have progressed, prospered, multiplied, and inevitable have somehow grown in size. I am perpetually fighting a never ending battle of non-belief.

I am afraid I have experienced a change of heart amidst the writing of this little note. I must say that if I share all of the future ambitions of my band, I run the risk of putting a hex on the entire operation. I have seen it happen before. I can tell you that my anticipation level is at maximum capacity. The future looks so bright, I have to wear shades. I am sorry I can't contribute to the rolling snowball of 'what everyone is up to'. I will leave you curious and suspended. Come see my band. It won't hurt your ears. My singer was a mocking bird in a previous life.

We have a web page as well: <http://members.aol.com/doorway27>. If you need one whopped up, we can manufacture a web page for your business (or whatever it may be). If you have a web page it would be my pleasure to 'link' yours with ours.

Peace. Love. Unity. Respect.

Cheeri-o.

Chris Cartrett

News Bulletins

Diana is back home and at work.. She still has the blood clot.. but is under medication. Her stay in the hospital was BORRRRR.....ING!!!!.. In fact she wanted to borrow Estaline's lap top!!!! Imagine....

Remember the story of Diana's Firing in the first issue.. Well Diana feels Judy's story is all wrong.. and she is investigating with other members of the staff employed at that time... Wait for the next issue to read the "TRUE STORY".....

Many thanks from the staff for those "secretive & mysterious valentines". Anyone want to "Kiss & Tell".



And now for something completely different.



"worm" by an anonymous digital artist.
Do you have a guess who the artist might be?

And who might this young man be?



Why, it's Alex Kelley. All American Hockey Champ!

Do you know a champion?

Bring in a photo of your favorite person.
Contributions are now being taken.

